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Talks At The
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IT now requires only Marshal Bulganin's assent and the oft-mooted Big Four top-level talks will become a reality this summer. And there is no reason to believe the Soviet Premier will be other than a ready partner to the proposal, for as recently as last month he stated he was in favour of a conference "at the summit," cheerfully adding that it was for President Eisenhower and Sir Anthony Eden to suggest the date. The practical value of such a meeting must await demonstration; it could be great or negligible, but that the Soviet leaders have been thinking along the same lines as Sir Anthony Eden and his advisers is of more than passing interest. Without straining credibility too far it suggests that the Russians are prepared to make some sort of change in their attitude to the Western powers which, in due course, may also bring about a change in Soviet international policies and relations.

Looming in the background to Britain's urgent insistence that now is the appropriate time for top-level talks, and the Kremlin's apparent willingness to take part in such a meeting, is ratification of the Paris agreements, and the now almost completed Austrian state treaty.

THE widespread fear was that ratification of the Paris pacts would automatically create a barrier to any sort of Big Four conference. Such misgivings have proved unfounded. On the contrary it has been noticeable that since ratification became inevitable, there has been an outstanding change in Russian policy, highlighted by the sudden Russian decision to get on with the job of concluding an Austrian treaty.

Here was one of those "unsolved" European problems which Moscow had declined to discuss, in the words of Mr Molotov, "outside the German problem." Today it is not only being discussed, but a settlement is practically certain. It is a sign which cannot be disregarded.

This does not mean that a "summit" conference of the Big Four will automatically succeed. Experiences of the past eight years are a warning against easy optimism. But it can be claimed that with ratification of the Paris agreements the realism of the Soviet leaders is being rapidly adjusted to the new situation, and that the Kremlin is aware the Western allies can now discuss European and international problems from a position of strength.

THE subjects which the Big Four leaders can tackle are numerous and varied, particularly if the proposal that there be no set agenda meets with Marshal Bulganin's approval. European problems must inevitably loom large, but there also should be opportunity for an exchange of views on Far East issues, with both Russia and the Western powers clarifying their positions. The talks are not likely to produce immediately great decisions, but they could, and should, enable the four leaders to reach a measure of agreement on basic principles; conceivably a blueprint for new relations between the Communist countries and the Western democracies could emerge from the meeting. The world will not expect political miracles, but it will fervently hope that between them, Eisenhower, Eden, Faure and Bulganin, can devise a pattern from which international peace can be

WEST'S PLAN FOR BIG FOUR TALKS

Two Stage Conference Proposed To Russia

TRIPARTITE NOTE RELEASED

Washington, May 10.

The three Western powers today proposed a top-level Big Four conference to be held in two stages.

They proposed, in identical notes to the Soviet Union:

1. A meeting of President Eisenhower, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Sir Anthony Eden and M. Edgar Faure, accompanied by their Foreign Ministers.

They suggested this top-level conference be preceded by a preparatory conference of the four Foreign Ministers.

2. This would be followed by a second stage of detailed discussions by "such methods, organs, and participants as it appears will be more fruitful, according to the nature of the issues."

The American, British and French notes containing the proposal were delivered to the Soviet Foreign Ministry in Moscow today.

THE FULL TEXT

Here is the text of the Western tripartite note to Russia:

"The Governments of France, the United Kingdom and the United States believe the time has now come for a new effort to resolve the great problems which confront us. We therefore, invite the Soviet Government to join with us in an effort to remove sources of conflict between us."

"We recognise the solution of these problems will take time and patience. They will not be solved at a single meeting nor in a hasty manner. Indeed, any effort to do so could set back real progress toward their settlement. Accordingly, we think it would be helpful to try a new procedure for dealing with these problems."

"In view of their complexity and importance, our suggestion is that these problems be approached in two stages. We think it would be fruitful to begin with a meeting of the heads of government, accompanied by their Foreign Ministers, for an exchange of views."

A New Impetus

"In the limited time for which the heads of government could meet, they would not undertake to agree upon substantive answers to the major difficulties facing the world. Such a meeting could, however, provide a new impetus by establishing the basis for the detailed work which will be required."

"For this purpose, the heads of government could devote themselves to formulating the issues to be worked on and to agreeing on methods to be followed in exploring solutions. The heads of government in their task, should come together shortly in advance of the meeting of the heads of government and at the same place."

"This first stage would lay the foundation for the second stage in which their problems would be examined in detail by such methods, organs and participants as it appears will be more fruitful, according to the nature of the issues."

"Begin Promptly"

"This work should be started as soon as practicable after the meeting of the heads of government."

"This procedure would facilitate the essential preparation and orderly negotiation most likely to bring about an agreement by progressive stages. The important thing is to begin the process promptly and to pursue it with patience and determination."

"We hope this proposal will commend itself to the Soviet Union as a useful basis for progress toward a better relation between us. If the Soviet Union agrees that an early meeting of heads of government to explore such a programme would be useful, we suggest that our Foreign Ministers settle through diplomatic channels or otherwise upon a time and place for such a meeting."

"The forthcoming meeting of the Foreign Ministers at Vienna for the signing of the Austrian state treaty might provide an opportunity for preliminary discussion of this proposal."—France-Press.

Optimism in Washington:

'RUSSIA MAY SAY YES'

Washington, May 10. Western diplomats were optimistic today about the chances of Russia accepting the Western invitation to a Big Four meeting this summer.

They pointed out that the Soviet Government has long been a leading advocate of such talks to relax world tension, particularly in the Far East, where the United States and China are now opposed to each other over Formosa.

Soviet leaders are believed to have been seriously disturbed at the possibility of the Chinese ally becoming involved even in a limited war with the United States. They fear this would involve a heavy drain on Soviet arms and industrial production to support the lightly industrialised China.

qualified concession to the British concept of such contacts with the Soviet Union. The President has agreed to abandon his former cautious approach to try out the British proposal of sounding out the Soviet government at the top level to see how they respond to a genuine effort to settle East-West differences.

The progress being made towards a settlement of the Austrian question is one reason for this shift of emphasis.

Another may be the desire not to precipitate a major split between the United States and Britain at a time when the British Government is in the throes of an election.

It is assumed there will be no attempt at this early meeting of Heads of Government to make final decisions or reach agreements. The objective would be to launch the subsequent "Foreign Ministers" meeting along lines most likely to produce constructive results. Western diplomats said today top-level discussions would probably range over all the

Sir Anthony Says:

'Patience And Perseverance Are Needed'

London, May 10.

The Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, said tonight a Big Four conference would not "solve everything" and that "patience and perseverance" would be needed.

In an election speech at Cardiff, the Prime Minister said: "I don't want anybody to think that everything will be solved just because we have a meeting. It is far more difficult than that. Patience and perseverance will both be needed in large doses."

"The great thing is to get started, to be determined to get results, and to understand that such results must take time. Hurried diplomacy, believe me, is usually bad diplomacy."

"We think the time has come to make a new effort to solve the problems that divide Europe and endanger the world."

New Hope

"I have good expectation that these can soon be arranged. If so, that will give the world encouragement and a new hope."

"We have ideas as to how these matters should best be handled, and we have discussed them fully with our Allies. We hope to begin a method of negotiation which may prove fruitful but it cannot be carried through at once."

Sir Anthony said there would probably have to be a series of meetings and added: "Personally, I see some advantage in that. We may make headway at each one. If so, we shall be lucky. Or sometimes we may get held up, but we shall go on. We shan't give up. The broad purpose of our method should be to win practical results."—France-Press.

New Soviet Plan For Disarmament

Moscow, May 11.

The Soviet Union today announced a new disarmament plan for Atomic and other weapons.

The Soviet News Agency, Tass, which published the plan said it was proposed to the London Disarmament Conference by the Soviet representative, Mr Malik, on May 10.

This plan, proposed that the UN General Assembly should "recommend" the condemnation of "any form of propaganda for a new war," prohibition from "threats of force" and respect for the "territorial integrity and political independence of every state."

The proposal said successes in negotiations on the Korean, Indo-Chinese and Austrian questions "show that the possibilities for settling unsolved international problems by means of negotiation between the powers in the interests of peace, freedom and the national independence of peoples are still far from being fully exploited."

'POLICE FORCES'

The plan proposed the withdrawal of the Four Powers' occupation troops from Germany "with the exception of strictly limited contingents of troops which would be left temporarily on German territory until the conclusion of an agreement about their full withdrawal."

It was proposed that this "strictly limited continuance of local police forces should exist in both parts of Germany under Rome Power control."

The declaration took the form of a proposed resolution for the United Nations General Assembly.

The resolution called for "liquidation of foreign military bases on the territories of other countries" which would have "great significance for the reduction of international tension." The proposal called for countries with experience in the Atomic, energy, field to give "broad industrial, scientific and technical help" to other countries for peaceful purposes without any political or military conditions.

TENSE SITUATION

The proposal called for settlement of Far Eastern questions, and the existing tense situation in certain regions of the Far East is pregnant with the danger of a new war."

On a control organ for the reduction and prohibition of Atomic weapons the Soviet Union proposed that an international body "should set up on the territories of all states control points in large ports, railway centres, roads and airfields."

The task of these points would be to ensure that there should be "no dangerous concentrations of military land forces and also air and naval forces."

This control organ "will have the right to demand from states the necessary evidence of conducting measures to reduce arms and military forces."

"It would have the right of access to all materials concerning the budget assignments of states for military requirements." These measures concerned the first stage of disarmament.—Reuter.

No Cause For Alarm

Washington, May 10.

Mr Charles Wilson, US Secretary of Defence, said today the shooting down of two Communist MIG-15 jet fighters by United States Sabrejets over the ocean off Korea was an isolated incident and no cause for alarm.

Mr Wilson said: "This kind of incident is somewhat troublesome. I don't think the attack by the MIGs was an indication of a Communist build-up of strength."—Reuter.

Agreement Today?

Vienna, May 10.

It is hoped the conference of Ambassadors of the Big Four Powers, meeting to clear the ground for the signing of the Austrian state treaty by the Foreign Ministers at the end of this week, will finish their discussions tomorrow.—France-Press.

WATER SUPPLY INCREASED

Beginning tomorrow morning, the Colony is to have nine and a half hours of domestic water supply daily, it was officially announced today.

All areas will have water supply through taps from 6 to 10.30 a.m., and from 5 to 10 p.m.

HEAVY RAINS BRING 935m GALLONS

Continuing torrential rains brought to the Colony's water storage during the 24 hours ended 8 a.m. today, an additional 935.02 million gallons, raising the present total storage to 3,029.63 million gallons. This means that all of the reservoirs are more than half full.

The severe thunderstorm which kept the Colony awake the whole of last night also yielded a further heavy rainfall and between midnight and 11 o'clock this morning the Royal Observatory registered 2.09 inches.

Total rainfall since midnight last Saturday until 11 a.m. today has been 14.58 inches.

Bridge Foundations Washed Away

Rains last night washed away the foundations of a stone bridge on the Castle Peak Road near the 18 milestone and motor traffic between Kowloon and Un Long on that route has been suspended.

A bus on the No. 16 route from Un Long to Yau Ma Tei was passing over the bridge in a heavy downpour when the structure began sliding away.

The bus became stuck on a portion of the bridge and remained suspended.

The passengers quickly clambered out, nobody being hurt. Traffic was immediately diverted to the Tai Po Road.

The Kowloon Motor Bus has announced cancellation of the No. 16 service to Un Long, but it will continue to operate as far as Tsuen Wan.

The PWD New Territories Road Office said this morning that repair crews and equipment had been rushed to the scene and had begun work.

A spokesman added that the bridge proper had not parted, but that the rains had washed away some of the foundations. The Royal Engineers are erecting an emergency bridge and this should be ready to take traffic this afternoon. Police today appealed to motorists not to use this section of the Castle Peak Road unnecessarily.

There were also a number of minor landslides on the Castle Peak Road between Tsuen Wan and So Kon Wat and road traffic has been reduced to a single lane.

Agreement On Solution To Vietnam Crisis

Paris, May 10.

The United States and France tonight reached agreement in principle on a compromise solution to the South Vietnam political crisis.

The agreement, according to an authoritative source, was reached during a two-hour conference at the French Premier's office tonight between Mr John Foster Dulles, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Antoine Pinay, the French Foreign Minister.

British representatives included Sir Gladwyn Jebb, Ambassador in Paris and Sir Harold Caccia.

FOUR POINTS

The source said the agreement in principle which was expected to be endorsed at a final meeting between the two foreign ministers tomorrow night makes the following points:

1. Ex-Emperor Bao Dai to retain his post as Chief of State of South Vietnam.

2. Premier Ngo Dinh Diem to be kept in power but his cabinet to be enlarged. The ministers considered that today's reshuffle in Saigon was not representative enough.

3. The United States will insist that the South Vietnamese Government will use its influence to halt propaganda attacks on the French.

4. The French Expeditionary force to be progressively withdrawn from the territory.—Reuter.

U.S. SUPPORT

Washington, May 10. The United States is supporting the broadened government.

Police Ambushed

Constantine, May 10. Armed terrorists ambushed a group of local police near Calicut in the Constantine region last night and killed two. It was reported here tonight.

The police were on their way to reinforce another group of their men who had also been attacked by terrorists.—France-Press.

Threat Of New Dock Strikes

London, May 10.

Britain again faces the threat of a nation-wide dock strike as the result of a union decision which is reported to have been taken tonight.

The National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union is reported to be planning strikes in London, Liverpool, Manchester and Hull.

It has called mass meetings at all four key ports for later this week at which Union leaders are expected to recommend strike action until the port authorities recognise the union jointly with the big Transport and General Workers Union.

This decision threatens dock strikes throughout the country similar to those which began in September last year and which spread to eight ports involving 45,000 men and tying up more than 350 ships.

UNION RIVALRY

News of this threat came at the close of a day in which there was no sign of a break in the six-day old strike of more than 600 tugboat men in Liverpool which has tied up more than 80 ships.

The New strike threat stems from the intense rivalry between the NASD and the 1,300,000 strong Transport and General Workers Union, the world's largest union outside Russia.

NASD alleges that joint port committees of employers and union leaders have been refusing to admit their local leaders.

This situation results largely from the fact that the union has been suspended from Britain's Trades Union Congress for poaching members from the TGWU and is no longer represented on the National Joint Council for the port transport industry.—Reuter.

Afghans Leave

Karachi, May 10.

The safes and belongings of the Afghans expelled at Peshawar and Panchinar, on the Afghan-Pakistan border, moved out today in a cavalcade of cars and trucks and later crossed the border into Afghanistan. The exodus included all the wives and children of Afghan employees.—France-Press.

Easy Election

Rome, May 10.

Professor Giovanni Leone, a 46-year-old Christian Democrat, was elected President of the Lower House of Parliament today in succession to Signor Giovanni Gronchi, newly-elected President of the Republic. He was elected by 811 votes to 215 with 26 blank ballots.—Reuter.

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Communist Leaders Gather In Warsaw REPLY TO PARIS PACTS

London, May 10.

Russia's Premier and Foreign Minister, Marshal Bulganin and Mr Molotov, arrived in Warsaw today to form a Communist equivalent of NATO.

The biggest postwar assembly of Communist government and military leaders, it is described by Tass, Soviet news agency, as a conference "for ensuring peace and security in Europe."

China is sending an observer.

Just The Thing For Father

Melbourne, May 10.
An electric model railway system, complete with ringing church bells, turning rustic water-wheels, and pine forests made of plastic fibre, is being brought to Melbourne from West Germany for display. The system will be a feature of a Toy Fair in the Melbourne Town Hall. The Fair will feature toys for children aged from one to 101 years.—China Mail Special.

Nehru Incident

ACCUSED FORGOT THE KNIFE

Nagpur, May 10.
An Indian rickshaw puller, charged here today with attempting to kill the Prime Minister, Mr Nehru, said he had "forgotten" about a knife snatched from his hand by officials when he jumped on to the running board of the Premier's car.

The accused man, Babu Rao, told the Magistrate he had been using the knife to whittle wood while waiting for Mr Nehru's car to pass during his visit here on March 12. He did not wish to assault or harm anybody.

He was also charged with causing injuries to four schoolboys when he pushed his rickshaw into the middle of the road in his attempt to block Mr Nehru's car.

Babu Rao said he only wanted to meet Mr Nehru because he had not received a reply to a letter of complaint he had sent to him.—Reuters.

AID TREATIES

It is assumed that the Premier and Foreign Ministers will sign the texts of friendship and mutual aid treaties between the respective states while the military men will formally seal the military alliances.

The signature of a series of friendship pacts within the Communist camp of Europe follows the unilateral abrogation announced by Russia last Saturday of the friendship and mutual aid pacts concluded with Britain and France during World War Two.

The Soviet Government complained that provisions of the Paris agreements concerning the rearmament of West Germany were directed against the Soviet Union in contravention of clauses of the pacts.

Both Britain and France denied this charge.

Marshal Bulganin said on arrival in Warsaw, according to Tass, that the conference had "to carry out great important work aiming at further strengthening the security of our countries."

"Although the people's struggle to relax international tension has resulted in certain success, nevertheless the situation in certain regions of the world gives rise to serious anxiety," he said.

"The peace-loving states of Europe cannot disregard this problem."

"Under existing conditions it is necessary to unite the efforts of our states and to take measures for strengthening the defensive capacity."

"The Soviet Government hopes that these problems will be resolved at the conference and that the work of the participants will prove an important contribution to general peace and the security of the peoples," —Reuters.



Hollywood film star Esther Williams and her husband, pictured on arrival in Cannes where they attended the International Film Festival.—Central Press Photo.

Judge Walks Out During Murder Trial

Paris, May 10.

One of France's most sensational trials in many years was suspended this afternoon by the Presiding Judge M. de Moissac in his Paris courtroom when the defence counsel, M. Maurice Garcon, told expert psychiatrist, Dr Genil-Perrin to "hold his tongue" because of his "intolerable" suggestions.

As the Judge sternly rebuked M. Garcon and withdrew leaving behind him a courtroom ringing with insults and vituperation, the centre of all the hubbub, 21-year-old Gerard Dupriez, seated in the prisoner box, gazed down upon the confusion with an eye in which there might have been mingled indifference and amusement.

Dupriez is being tried on a charge of murdering his parents on March 4, 1953 and having used a cudgel, a knife and an axe to do the job.

SIX EXPERTS
Six psychological experts stated today that "We found no psychopathic element in this man which permits us to say that he is not normal."

Dr Joseph Logre, on the other hand, called by the defence, said: "There is serious doubt about the mental integrity of the accused."

Dr Logre described a mental condition which he called "psychical epilepsy," which in periods of crisis brings on amnesia, when a sufferer forgets everything and said that such a hypothesis was perfectly feasible to explain the conduct of Dupriez before, during and after the crime.

The Judge therefore recalled the six psychiatrists, who found Dupriez "quite normal." One of them, Dr Genil-Perrin, claimed that "it was easy for Dr Logre to speak, since he is adopting the thesis of the man who summoned him as a witness."

M. Garcon shouted: "We are all honest people here. You might as well say we are paying Dr Logre to testify." —France-Press.

Suez Canal Transit Receipts

Paris, May 10.

The Board of the Suez Canal Company announced today that the transit receipts last year amounted to 30,689 million francs against 28,235 million in 1953, with the addition of resources arising from financial investment, hiring out of ships, sale of water, etc.

The total resources amounted to 32,455 million francs against 30,530 million francs in 1953. Expenditure for 1954 amounted to 15,123 million francs, of which 1,081 million were accounted for by allocations to the Egyptian Government.

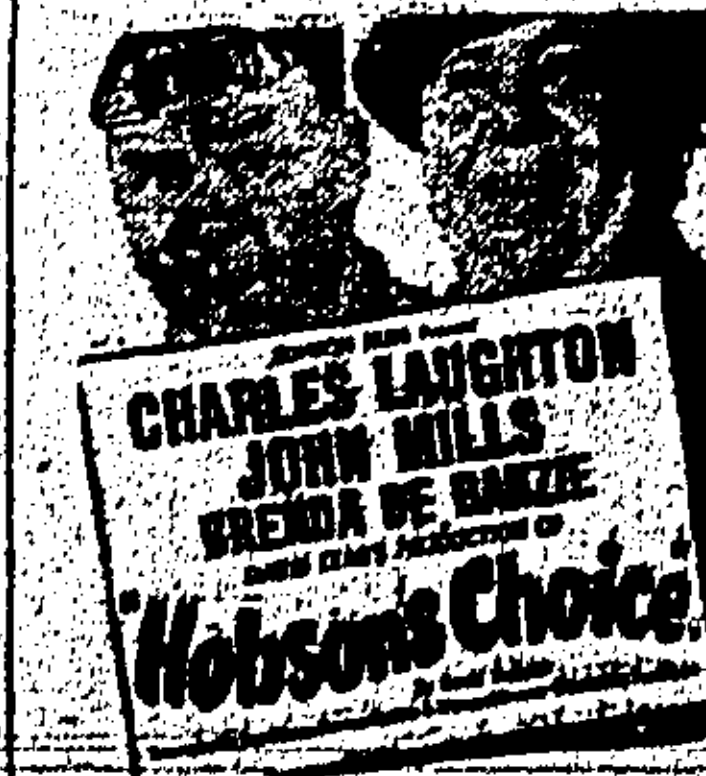
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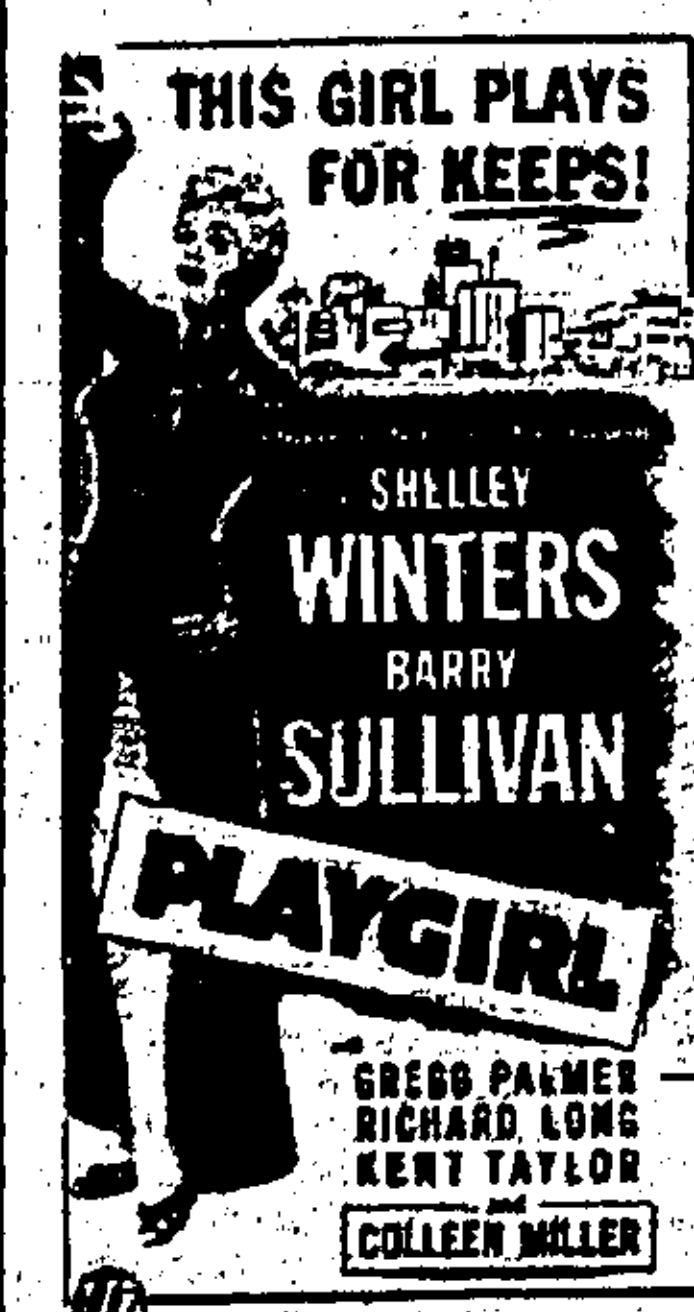
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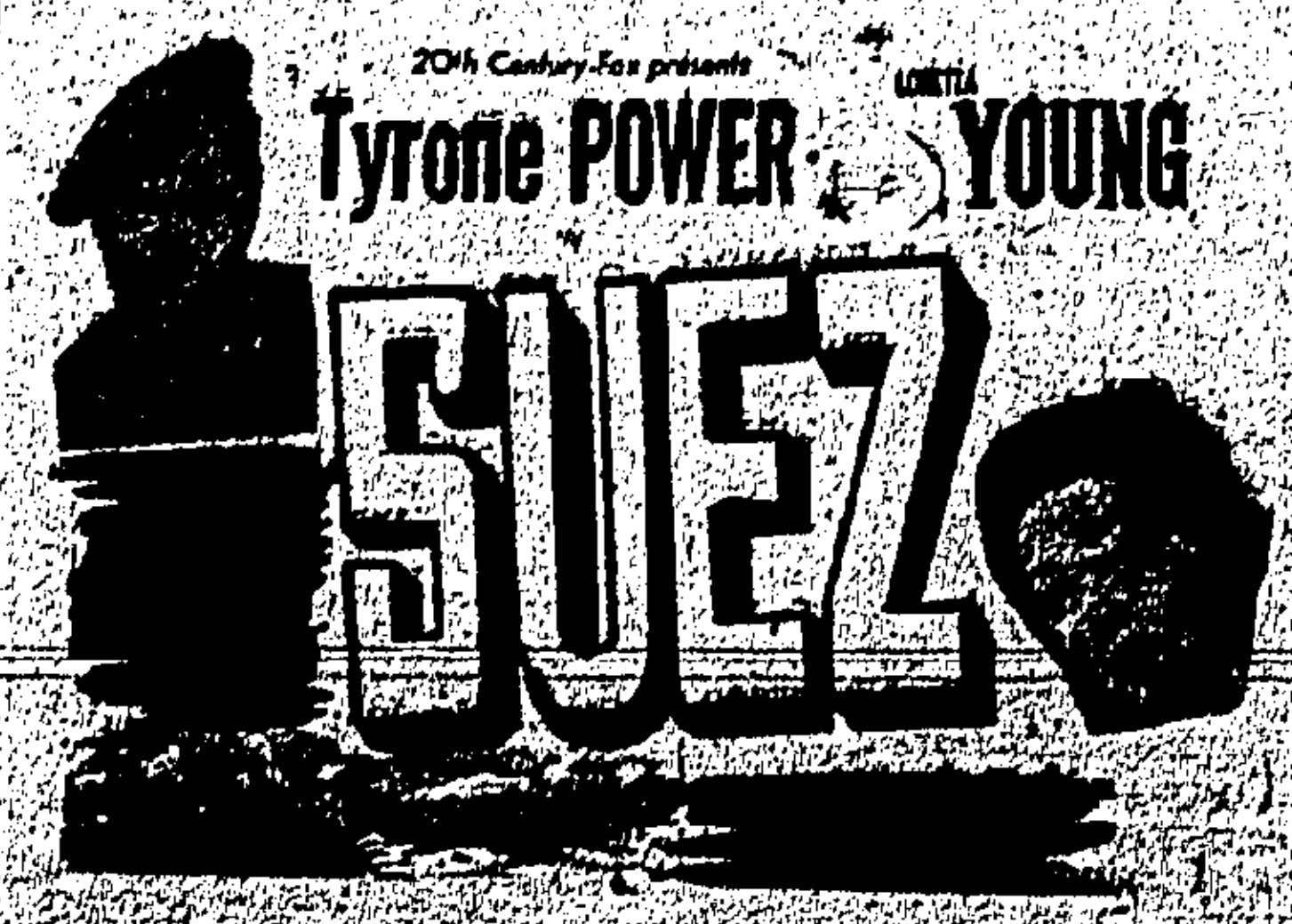
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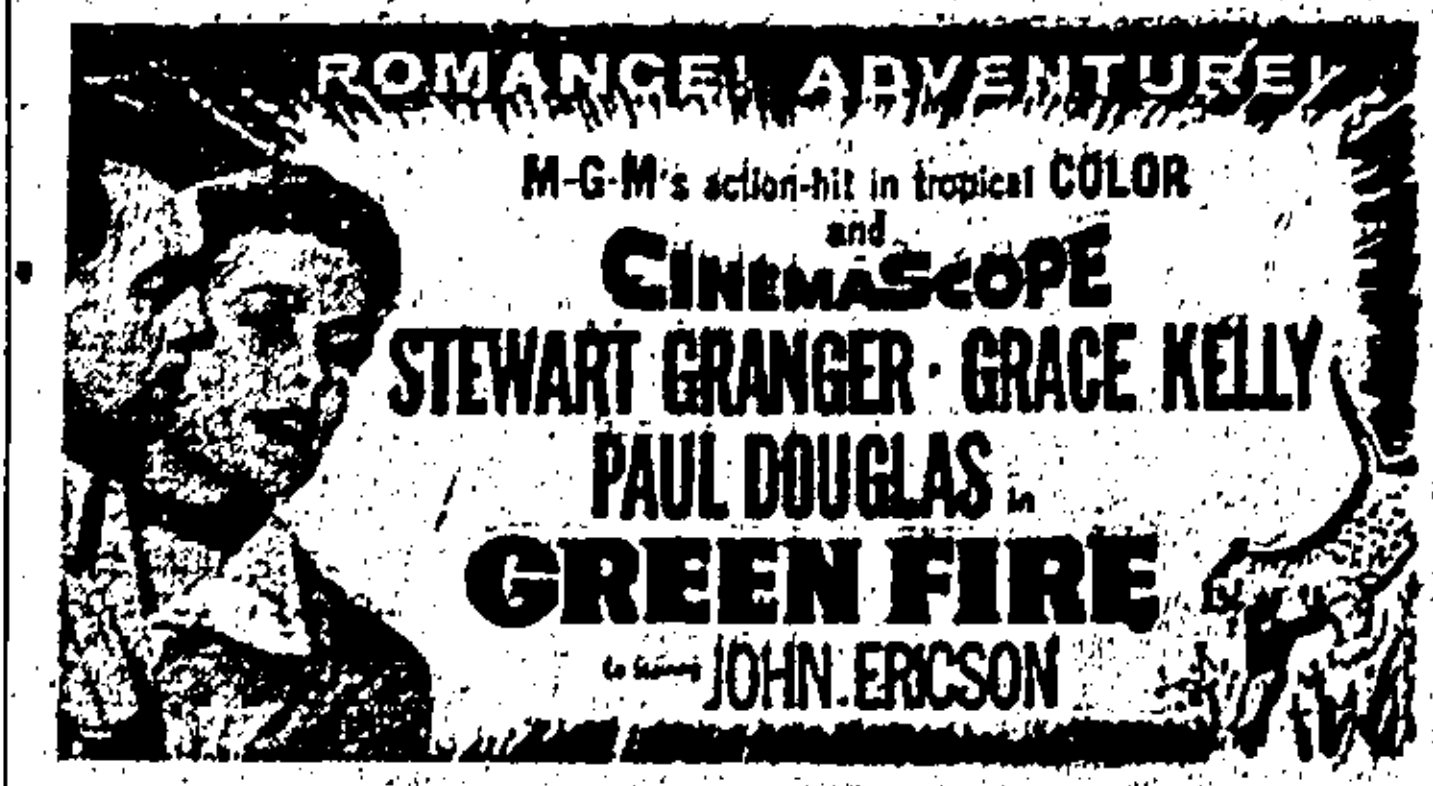


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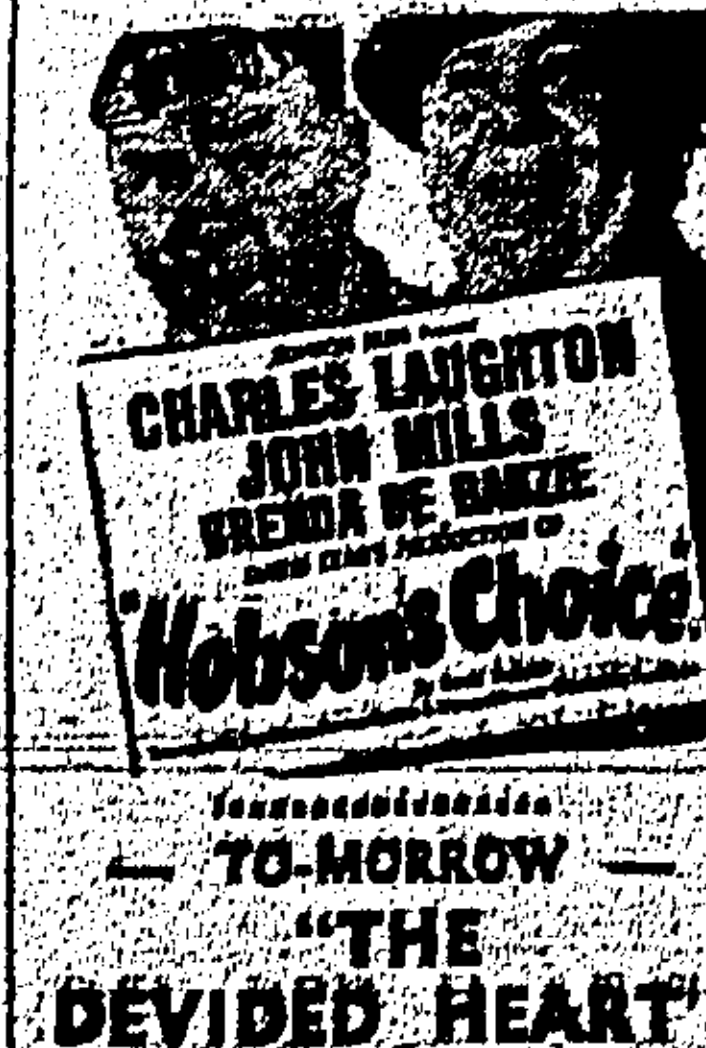
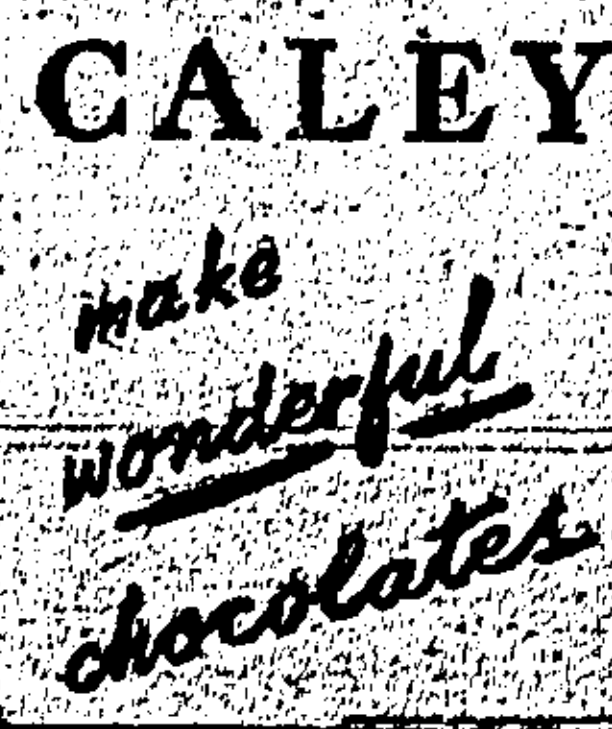
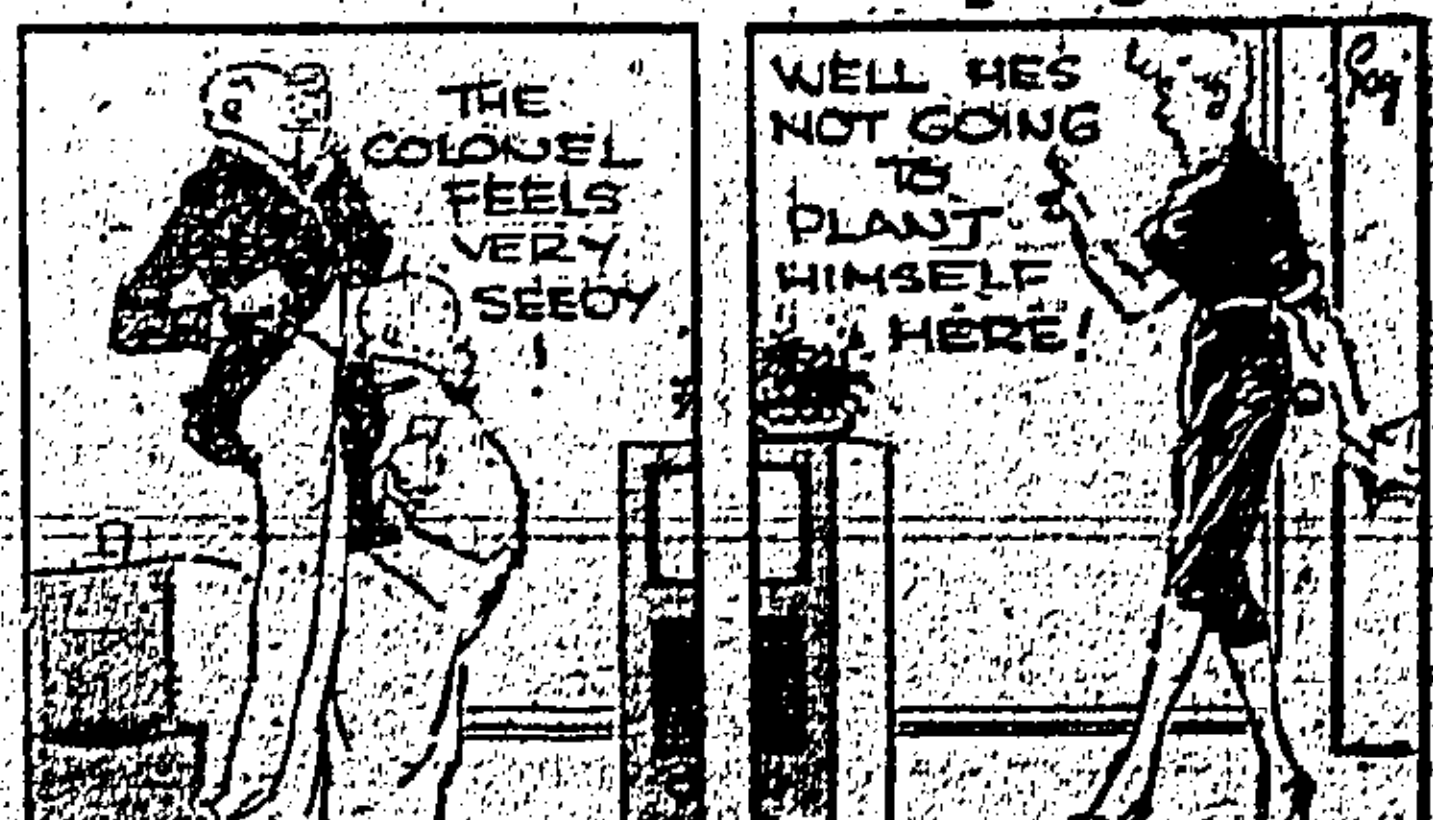
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His address was a good one. But I was not prepared for him to be quite so wealthy. When I rang a butler opened the door. I was conducted up a wide staircase, the walls hung with old masters, and ushered into a library where Appleton welcomed me. "It is very good of you to come," he said. "I am a great admirer of your books. Sit down. What will you have? A martini or Scotch or do you like vodka?"

by
Maurice Collis

He was not long in getting to the point. "The fact is," he said, "that I've got a story to tell, my life story. It's a good one, but I can't write it. I've tried, torn up, tried again. But murdered the thing, made it sound rubbish, worse, boring rubbish. Now you... well, I shan't flatter. I've told you what I think of your books."

A ghost

I mumbled something and he proceeded: "Wonder whether you would undertake it."

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that I was invited to his parties, when he would introduce me as a famous author.

One day alone with me he even said that he owed to me the happiest time of his life and felt that he had paid me too little, though he did not actually follow this up.

I had been quite content at first. After all, my fee had been tremendous. I found it amusing, too, to watch the literary world fawning on a

it. "I've just learned of a shocking fraud."

"What fraud this time, Grubbe?" I rallied him.

"Something that will interest you." There's a fellow posing as a literary giant, but I have found papers which prove that he employs a ghost writer.

I concealed my feelings and kept smiling. "What are you going to do?" I asked.

"Expose him unless he makes a public admission. But I must hurry now. My dogs are waiting. I'll tell you more another time."

I went straight to Appleton and gave him the news. "It's all my fault," I ended, telling him I had thrown the papers in the dustbin.

"How could he have got hold of them?" he objected.

"Things like that happen," I said. "Dustmen drop their rubbish, papers blow away. Grubbe lives in the next street to me."

Appleton did not disguise his anxiety. "It will be ruin if he talks. But surely he can be dissuaded. Let him name his figure."

"He's not that sort of man," I said. "It's a case of principle, not blackmail, worse luck."

Humbled

"Principle! Good God! What's to be done, then?" Appleton was humbler than I had seen him for a long time.

"I've thought of a counter principle that may work. It will cost something. Have I carte blanche?"

"Of course. Here. Take this." He opened a drawer and took out a bundle of fivers. His hand shook as he handed them over. "Don't delay an instant," he begged.

My talk with Grubbe was short. After a minimum of explanation, and no names mentioned, I said: "Don't do it, old chap. It's not fair on the dogs, it's not being honest with them."

Trouble

It was, I suppose, less than a week later that I ran into Grubbe in the street.

I had known him for years as an enthusiast. He espoused causes; unmasked villains and ran a home for stray dogs. Now he had a bustling, cheerful air, which told me he had found a new wrong to put right. Sure enough he burst out with

tween the raw material he gave me and the finished article.

On the day I handed him the typescript with his name on the title page there was just a hint in his eye that he half believed he was the author. This delusion grew when he heard from the publishers. He had got in touch with a good firm and had an enthusiastic reply within the week.

They told him, among other things, that he was a born writer. He was offered a large sum down and liberal royalties, though of course the advance

MAURICE COLLIS is a man with two distinct careers. The first has helped the second.

After 25 years in the Indian Civil Service, he retired in 1936 and at once began writing books, capitalising his great knowledge of the East. The first, *Siamese White*, was quickly followed by a stream-*one*, and sometimes two, a year.

He has two children by a first marriage, three by a second and lives in Maidenhead.

was only a fraction of what he had given me. "No matter," he told me, "a good Press is what I want. And that's fairly sure, considering how the publishers have praised me. I mean you, of course," he added quickly.

Success!

The book came out in due course. We had expected a success but nothing like the success there was.

Appleton became famous overnight.

Not only was there material success, but he had also a great *succes d'estime*. Leading critics praised his admirable style, his wit, his profundity. He was guest of honour at literary luncheons, was invited to preside over literary discussions. In all this, he had such an excellent manner, was such an amusing raconteur and could entertain so sumptuously in his big house, that he perfectly filled the role.

A few months of this adulation and he had forgotten that I was the author of his book. Or if he remembered, it was only occasionally and with a bit of a shock. Not that when we met he put on airs. He was altogether too decent a chap for

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"No, IKE, NO! YOU MIGHT NOT GET IT BACK"



CAREFUL AMITY

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NATHANIEL GUBBINS

SIR WINSTON SCHURCHILL'S

H-bomb speech appeared in the papers

just when your Uncle Nat

and his life partner, the

Plucky Little Woman, told

each other they would soon

emerge from their snow-

bound igloo and dance in

the sunshine like the Esk-

imos to give joyful wel-

come to the spring.

During the cold spell the

Sea Nest seemed very much

like the igloo who sat in a

reading about in a book. Ac-

cording to her, it had the same

stuffy atmosphere because all

the windows were shut tight

against the weather.

We were also wrapped in

layers of woollies until we

looked round, and squat like

Eskimos. If the cold weather

had lasted much longer we

might have eaten the packet of

candles we always keep handy

in case the electric lights fuse.

Almost hidden by elderdowns

and reading from her book, the

P.L.W. informed your Uncle

that there was always a grand-

father in an igloo who sat in a

corner smoking or eating

lumps of blubber, and smelling

worse than all the others be-

cause he was too old to give

himself a snow bath.

As your Uncle is a grand-

father, is always smoking in a

corner and had dodged a bath

that day because the bathroom

was like a refrigerator, these

remarks caused a certain

amount of resentment, particu-

larly when the P.L.W. added

that the Eskimo grandfather

became hairier and hairier as

he grew older until he had a

chest like a hearthrug. It was

nature's protection against pro-

longed cold.

Moreover, she said, when the

younger members of the tribe

became sick of the smell of

smoke, blubber, and unwashed

grandpoo, they threw the old

chap out into the snow to die.

But despite this your Uncle

remained fairly cheerful even

when he mistook three Alsatian

dogs sniffing at the front door

for wolves. He did some of the

shopping because the P.L.W.

feels the cold acutely, but when

he was too busy to go out the

P.L.W. invented a cold-weather

shopping system of her own.

She would telephone an order

for fish, and when the fish-

monger called would send her

to buy her groceries. When

the grocer called she would

send him to buy fish. On the

coldest day, when she refused

even to open the back door, she

rapped on the kitchen window

to stop a passing tradesman and

mouthed orders at him

through the glass.

That was why, when she was

observed mouthing. "Fish, fish,

fish," and "Cheese, cheese," at

a frozen and puzzled green-gro-

cer on the other side of the win-

dow, your Uncle began to wonder

if she needed a holiday.

Then the snow disappeared,

the sun came out, and the

Eskimos were ready to greet

the spring with song and dance.

But the Churchill speech,

giving us four years to go at

the most, put an end to all that

namely, that your Uncle

"always looking on the bright

side," reminded the P.L.W. that

it will just give him time to

draw his postwar credits.

★

THE startling news that Ameri-

can poodles get nervous

breakdowns when their owners

are worried about income-tax

has inspired the following article

by Mr Wuff Wuff Rover, the

distinguished Alsatian. It was

especially written for *The*

Animal's Newspaper.

Ever since men and dogs be-

came friends (writes Mr Rover)

observant people have noticed

that the faces of many dogs are

disfigured by permanent frowns

and worry wrinkles.

It is particularly noticeable

among thoughtful, responsible

breeds such as bloodhounds,

collies, bull dogs, boxers, and St.

Bernards. Up till now their wor-

ries have been comparatively

trivial, though just as real as

the worries of any over-anxious

person saddled with responsi-

bility.

Hard-working, conscientious

sheep dogs have spent sleepless

nights wondering if one of their

flock has strayed, counting sheep

over and over again in their

troubled heads, or doubting

their own arithmetic. Police dogs

worry about unsolved crime,

house dogs about burglars, and

dogs put in charge of children

about road crossings and motor-

cars.

Dogs also have real worries

about their own affairs.

Like under-privileged people,

under-privileged dogs are always

asking themselves when they

next have to come from their

envy rich dogs meeting at them

from the windows of limousines

and are jealous of sporting dogs

living a healthy life in the coun-

try, mixing with the best people

and always sure of a good home,

good food and regular employ-

ment.

Moreover, dogs rich by dog

standards are not contented, but

worry about the loss of their

possession of property.

★

I knew one, obviously a smart

business dog, neat and clean

with a brass studded collar round

his neck, who always appeared

to be trotting off to his office

regularly at 8 a.m. He had buried

his invested bones in many

gardens and for some time had

the police and self-assurance of

the well-to-do.

As he grew older he seemed

less self-assured. A worried,

puzzled frown appeared on his

face. Often he would pause in

his morning walk to think things

over.

It appeared that he had been

too clever. Instead of eating his

bones or burying them, with

dogs in need he had left them

so long buried that they were

worthless. Some of his bones

had been dug up by younger,

smarter dogs, but what caused

his puzzled frown was that he

had forgotten where he had

buried most of his treasure.

Anxiety about his affairs had

softened his brain. He lost his

memory, became hysterical and

dangerous, and had a rather

sudden and untimely end.

I think it was *The Animal's*

Newspaper, when interviewing

the dog that could count and

tell the time, which first re-

vealed that dogs could also

BY OSWALD JACOBY

NORTH (D) 23

♠ 63
♥ 74
♦ 8762
♣ KQJ87

WEST

♥ 74
♦ KQ865
♣ A753

EAST

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♦ 62

SOUTH

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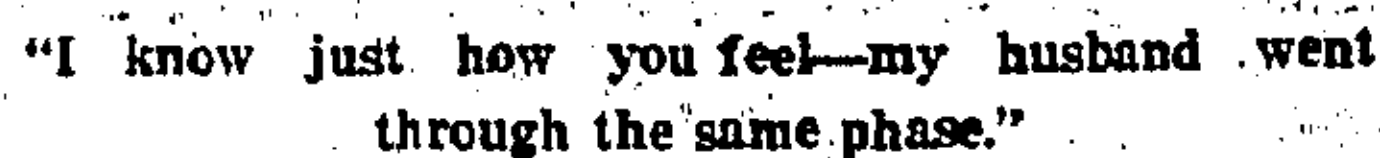
North-South vul.

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5♥	Pass	Pass	Double
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♥ CARD Sense

Answer Tomorrow



WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

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THURSDAY, MAY 12

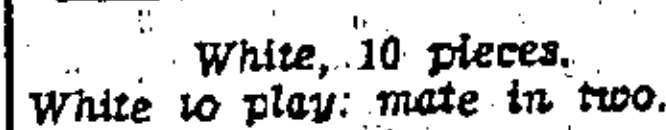
TARGET

There was only one policeman. His name, Knarf and Hanid knew very well, was Pixie O'Cop.

Down

1. The sky when you have had a scare (9)
2. The work of a master. (4)
3. The word goes to one way. (4)
4. The crop in the bag. (8)
5. One of ten little boys in a row. (5)
6. Generous parents get a great deal of their way (2, 8)
7. A long time. (3)
8. One in the mud made a noise. (5)
9. It sounds as if someone is calling for a blow still. (8)
10. A type. (6)
11. A table. (4)
12. This will serve you correctly. (4)
13. The sound of a course. (5)
14. A student is like a man. (4)
15. The more you know so (3)

By W. MAY
Black, 8 pieces



Solution to yesterday's problem:

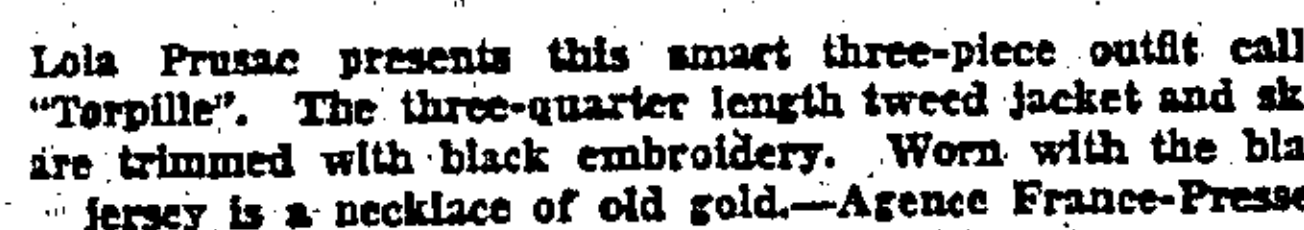
1, Q-KR1, any; 2, R, or mates.

—Two Grasshoppers Were in a Wrestling Bout—

BY MAX TRELL

There was only one policeman. His name, as Knarf and Hanid knew very well, was Pixie O'Cop.

Dupont and t



By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Meat-Mushroom Bread Boxes: Blend 1 tbs. meat drippings, butter or margarine with 3 tbs. flour; gradually stir in 1 c. whole milk. Cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Add 1

To remove dust and oily deposits, wash a marble surface

material. First, brush the slide.

p inside out by the long seams

8. | crisp. Serve with soup.

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How many words of four letters can you make from the letters in the square on the right in making each word. The letters in

O	N	R
T	E	I
R	I	H

small squares may be used only. Each word must contain the large letter in the center square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Answer Tomorrow

Rupert and the Inventor—37



Robert Moore, a grizzled, bearded man with a thick mustache, is seen from the chest up, wearing a dark jacket. He is looking down at a small, dark object in his hand, which he is holding with both hands. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Busy Peace Officer

They saw that a crowd of
had gathered around
two grasshoppers
fighting with each other.
No fighting allowed! Brea-
put "Pixie O'Cop kept yellin'
one said much atter



It was almost necessary to design absorbent frames for the Top Spot on the Sports Parade this week because we had virtually to wring out, and dry out, the seven members of the Army 'B' Football team who took part in one of the most fantastic soccer matches ever seen when they played in the Stanley Shield Seven-a-side competition at the Club Stadium last night.

In a veritable cloudburst which swamped the playing pitch the seven soldiers beat St. Joseph's 'A' by two goals to one, but truth to tell it was achieved more on aquatic ability than on football merit.

The team lined up as follows: Cnr. Tulline, Cnr. Ashworth, Cnr. Hogan, Cnr. Parsons, Cnr. Haydock, Cnr. Chalmers, and Cnr. Hiscock. The record books, it should be said that they were the familiar Army playing kit, but from the moment the whistle went for the start until it called a final halt, what took place on the pitch was far removed from what we normally regard as football.

The crowd loved it, and strangely enough so did the players on both sides, who, having navigated themselves successfully through to the interval were loud in protest against a suggestion that premature halt should be called.

It was eventually decided to let them go on and to the calls of encouragement from the crowd in the stands they weighed anchor, waded, waddled, plunged and splashed to great purpose and there was great sigh of relief when "Pilot" Haydock from a position near No. 3 Buoy ferried one into the back of St. Joseph's unguarded net... but I am asked to state that there is not a word of truth in the suggestion that the Saint's keeper was fishing at the time.

It was great fun under the most unusual conditions and Soldiers and Saints alike did enough to suggest that whatever happens in the Stanley Shield a successful swimming season is assured.

CRICKET TALK

The other day I had the opportunity to talk cricket with one of the officials who was mainly instrumental in the Army having two teams in the Senior Division this season and he told me that he felt more than ever now that this move had made a real contribution to what had been an excellent season and was one that had proved generally popular with the other teams in the competition.

With the season now over, the natural reaction is to ask what is in store for next season. In this respect it seems that the first step will have to be to find new players for the majority of those who played in the North and South teams will be away from the Colony before the 1955-56 season starts. It is known that there are one or two young players who will probably make the grade but the officials are confident that there will be enough reinforcements to ensure that the Army is again well represented. Whatever materialises in the way of new players, there is little doubt that if the Army teams continue to play the same good, entertaining, cricket as they did this year they will prove popular opponents whenever they are in action.

News reaching the Colony from Malaya is that our interest in the Calbeck Cup is over for another year as our representatives, 42 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery were narrowly beaten by one goal to nil by 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers in the semi-final tie at Kuala Lumpur.

The fact that the Hongkong winners had to play a semi-final match and not move directly into the final came as something of a surprise to the authorities in Hongkong, but that was apparently the arrangement for this season and it is a matter for regret that after such a long trip 42 Field Regt. RA should be defeated in the preliminary game and so miss a chance of appearing in the final.

Congratulations to Royal Engineers on the fine play that has won them the Minor Units Cricket League title, and congratulations too, to District Workshops REME for a similar success in the Minor Units competition.

Neither League has been completed but the winners cannot be overruled and the competitions are now finished.

WATER POLO REFEREES

The first of the special courses for Water Polo Referees will be held at the Victoria Barracks Swimming Pool on Thursday and Friday 12 and 13 of May. On the first day instruction will be given from 2

CRICKET SCORES

London, May 10.

Results of first class cricket matches which ended today were:

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire-Sussex match abandoned because of rain. Sussex 188 and 143 for eight (Dooland, right arm, leg break; five for 46). Nottinghamshire 185.

At Birmingham: Warwickshire-Somerset match abandoned (rain). Warwickshire 359 and 159 for three declared (Wolton, not out 65). Somerset 241 and 66 for one.

At Lord's: Middlesex-Derbyshire match abandoned as a draw because of rain. Derbyshire 150 and 174 for nine declared (Moss, right arm fast medium, six for 45). Middlesex 111 and six for one.

At Southampton: Hampshire beat Glamorgan by three wickets. Glamorgan 68 and 198. Hampshire 153 and 97 for seven (Shepherd, right arm fast medium, four for 39).

At Leicester: Leicestershire-Kent match drawn (rain). Kent 137 and 231 (Hearn 55, Jackson right arm off break, five for 48). Leicestershire 218 and 48 for one.

At Cambridge: Cambridge University-Essex match drawn. Essex 220 and 194 for two declared (Doddie 50, Barker not out 67). Cambridge University 222 and 110 for one (Buckingham not out 52).—Reuter.

Italian Player Collapses In Singles Final

Rome, May 10.

Giuseppe Merlo, young Italian player, collapsed when leading at match point in the Men's Singles Final of the Italian Lawn Tennis Championships here today.

He was forced to retire soon afterwards and his opponent, Fausto Gardini, Italy's top player, was awarded the title. Merlo, leading by two sets to one and 6-5 in the fourth, suddenly rolled over on the ground at match point on Gardini's service.

Attendants rushed out and massaged Merlo for some minutes. He staggered to his feet to receive service from Gardini, who won the point for deuce, but Merlo again collapsed writhing on the sandy court. This time he could not continue. Gardini won by 6-1, 1-6, 3-6, 6-4 (retired).

Art Larsen, United States, and Enrique Morea of Argentina won the Men's Doubles Final, beating Nicola Pietrangeli and Orlando Sirola of Italy 6-1, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.—Reuter.

Tennis Tourney Organisers Must Submit Accounts

Rome, May 10.

The International Lawn Tennis Federation today tightened their rules governing the expenses of amateur players. At their Annual General Meeting here, it was agreed that organisers of tournament must send to the International Federation detailed accounts of expenses paid out to players participating.

The Federation also agreed that when it is impossible for a player to receive tennis equipment equal to the value of vouchers won as prizes in a foreign country, these vouchers must be sent to the player's National Federation which will ensure that they are exchanged for equipment.

In the past some players receiving prize vouchers were said to have exchanged them for cash with local dealers which is against the amateur rules.—Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICANS BEATEN IN OPENING MATCH

London, May 10.

The South African touring team suffered the same fate as their predecessors in 1947 in being defeated in the opening match of their English tour.

In both cases, Worcestershire, one of the lesser English County sides, were responsible. In 1947, they won by 39 runs, today by 117 runs.

Worcestershire, who had scored 209 in their second innings, left the "Springboks" the almost impossible task of scoring 261 runs in three hours and 40 minutes. They failed to play out time by 69 minutes.

At first all went well. McGlew and Goddard making an opening stand of 86. It was then that Martin Horton, an almost unknown professional, who has yet to win his County cap, so bewildered the tourists on a driving pitch that he finished with no analysis of time wickets for 40.

McGlew (48) and Goddard (27) both of whom fell to off-break, however, Horton, were the only batsmen to score over 20 runs.—France Press.

CUP FINAL



The Cup Final at Wembley between Newcastle United and Manchester City. Picture shows Milburn scoring for Newcastle in the first minutes of the game following a corner from White. Manchester goalie Trautman and another defender watch as the ball enters the top corner of the net.



Newcastle won the Cup by beating Manchester City 3-1. Picture shows the Newcastle captain, J. Seaman, surrounded by teammates as he shows the trophy he received from The Queen.—Central Press Photos.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Men's A: DW: HKCC v CRC; Upton C: SCAA v BRC; Ladies B: DW: LBC (2) v LAC (1); KCV v HKU; CRC v CCC; SCAA v KCC.

TOMORROW

Victory Shield Final: Chinese v Services (C Hill). At 2.30 p.m. Exhibition match: Veterans v REME (C Hill) at 7.15 p.m.

Tennis

Men's B: DW: KTCOA v KCC; HKCC v CCC (1); HKU v REME; HKCC v LBC; SCAA v RAF; CCC (2) v COSB.

Boxing

AEC Dinner Dance at Blue Heaven Night Club, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Soccer: Stanley Shield: At HKCC competition at 2 p.m. CAA v BRC; A: Army A v Dairy Farm; KMS B v South China; A: KLAS A v S & S; C & W v St Joseph's; B: RAF A v REME; Victoria Club B v Phoenix v Jadeite.

"Little Me" For The Press Box

Miami, Florida, May 10.

Miss Maureen Connolly, Californian star of American Women's Lawn Tennis, will not defend her Wimbledon title next month but will attend as a Reporter.

Miss Davis Hart, currently top ranked American player, said here today.

Miss Hart said that she had received a letter from "Little Me," who is to be married next month. Miss Connolly said she would not be playing at Wimbledon but would be doing a Reporter's job. She is a Reporter, Miss Davis Hart, currently top ranked American player, said here today.

Miss Connolly, 26-year-old winner of the Wimbledon title for the past three years, has been unable to compete in the United States since a riding accident last July. Three months ago she announced her retirement from competitive tennis.—Reuter.

THE FOUR-MINUTE MILE —DR. BANNISTER'S DETAILED REPORT

By DENNIS HART

What made Roger Bannister tick? How did the flying doctor so judge his amazing finish to burn up every ounce of energy? Where did he find the energy?

These questions have remained top athletic talking points ever since Bannister crashed the four minutes barrier in May last year.

Now, Bannister himself gives the detailed answer—fourteen pages of it in a book just brought out by the Achilles Club ("Athletics"), published by J. M. Dent, 15s.).

Says Bannister: "Running in the most natural, relaxed and economical way gives the best results. Towards the end of the race, the advantage is held by the runner who has covered the distance with the greatest muscular economy."

Thus the way was paved for those killing Bannister finishes. Does it sound too easy? "There is a deceptive simplicity about the formula," explains Bannister. "It means that the exact procedure for each runner can only be carefully worked out after a long period of self observation supplemented by the help of a coach."

Having studied athletics from the viewpoint of both World Champion and doctor—the mechanics of muscle movement and the breathing system—there is little Bannister does not know about the physical side.

Yet he stresses the value of the correct mental approach. He goes further and says "It is of equal if not greater importance the will to develop the natural talents he (the runner) possesses can and does make up for many imperfections. Racing also demands a nervous system sufficiently highly strung and a will sufficiently determined to produce a supreme effort far beyond the normal capability when limbs which are already tired and feeble are lashed into greater and greater activity."

And the world knows that Bannister practised what he now preaches.

Not everyone, of course, can become another Bannister. He himself is the last to suggest that anyone should try. He is all for individualism.

But he outlines his approach that any runner or would-be miler will find the book invaluable.

Writing on tactics, he explains how a runner can defeat opponents who are capable of faster times or who would win the race under conditions that suited them.

"Know thyself," says Bannister. Again he preaches what he has practised. Remember that epic mile in the Empire Games at Vancouver? John Landy had proved himself a faster miler. But Bannister won.

"Athletics" is the complete text book of the sport. But one with a difference. Every aspect of the sport is covered by twenty expert contributors who between them, hold fourteenth Olympic medals, twenty English native records and forty-three AAA titles.

The book brings good news for aspiring Zatopeks. You thought longer distance running was sheer sweat and toil? Then listen to this: "Training must be enjoyed. It must not at all costs become a wearisome grind. Missing a day if one really does not feel like it is usually an excellent thing."

Who says so? None other than Chris Chataway. Chataway, a prime factor in both last year's four-minute mile, winner of the Empire Games three-mile race, and conqueror of the great Russian Vladimir Kuc, has got to the top by enjoying his running, and not becoming a slave to it.

And he has still enjoyed the life of a fan-loving young man. "An occasional late night is not going to do any harm so long as it is not in the days immediately preceding the race."

And have you been torturing yourself by giving up smoking? Chataway quotes Peter Ward, who wrote the chapter on long-distance in the earlier edition of the book: "It is easy to claim that a few cigarettes a day may lose a few feet in three miles, which may be badly needed; but half a lap or so may well be lost if one makes oneself thoroughly miserable and consequently stale."

And if you smoke and still get stale Chataway has the remedy. "The only way to counter staleness is to relax and take the whole business rather less seriously for a few days."

"Athletics" will be of considerable interest and education to the spectator. He will be able to watch the race from the runner's point of view.

But there may be a jolt in store, even for the watcher, in a chapter on general health by Sir Arthur Porritt, Surgeon to the Queen and former Olympic sprinter. Dealing with sleep he ends with this punch line:

"In the morning remember that a spontaneous awakening is nature's call to get up. Do so!"

Australians Favoured To Beat USA In Challenge Round

New York, May 10.

Dinny Pails, Australian professional tennis player who has been coaching the Belgian Davis Cup team, arrived today by plane en route home, and said that the Australians would beat the United States in the Challenge Round this year.

"Our boys (the Australians) will be a year older with that much more experience, while, in my opinion, Vic Seixas of the United States is over the hill," Pails said. "Then, too, our Rex Hartwig is a great support as our No. 3 man, while I believe Hamilton Richardson of the United States is still a bit shaky."

"I feel the Americans won't reach the form of last year, when they took the Davis Cup from Australia, and perhaps they won't have the good luck they had the luck of the draw when Lew Hoad played Tony Trabert in the first match—this put the odds straightaway on Hoad and certainly had an effect on the play."

Turning to the Belgian team he coached, he said that they were a capable crew, and added that for the record Belgium should not lose a match to Czechoslovakia this week-end in the European Zone eliminations.

Pails will fly to Los Angeles later today, and plans to confer with Jack Kramer, former great player now a professional promoter, concerning possible tours.

One tour has been suggested for the USA, starting in July and another is planned for South Africa in November.

For the South African tour, the Australians Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor would join the troupe.

Pails said he will leave Los Angeles by plane for Sydney tomorrow night, arriving at Sydney on Saturday.—United Press.

Chief Inspector Willie Ritchie said that the hearing would be open to the public. Simpson had asked that only two British writers be allowed to attend but the British writers contacted the Attorney General, of California who said there could not be a private meeting—that it had to be open to all.

Edward J. (Teddy) Waltham, Secretary of the British Boxing Board, and members of the European Boxing Commission also will attend the meeting.

Simpson has announced that he will bring up these points:

1. Rough fighting.

2. Fouls and how many are permitted.

3. Liquids and materials permitted to be used in stop outs.

4. The right of a chief second to stop a fight for cuts only.—United Press.

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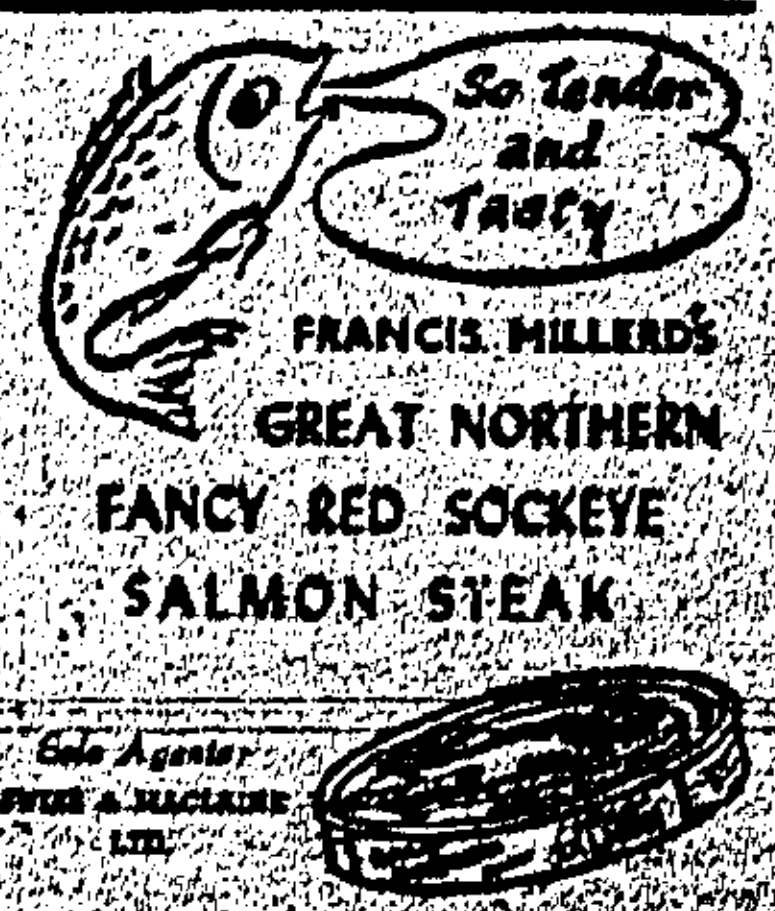
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SYDNEY TO AMSTERDAM

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The Note pointed out these encroachments violated the Geneva armistice agreement and "created an atmosphere unfavourable to the consolidation of peace in Vietnam."—Reuter.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

MERCEDES OPENING IN US

NY COTTON EXCHANGE CONTRACT

Exchange Rates

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Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	5.83
Sterling notes (per £1)	19.78
Indonesian Rial (per 100)	12.70
Siam ticals (per 100)	26.30
Singapore (Straits)	1.81
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	8.77

Will Concentrate On Quality Production

June 33.705
United Press
Market
Bradford, May 10.
Woolfords are more active but
LONDON SILVER
PRICES

United Press. **ITEMS NOT** **Bradford, May 10.** **PRICES**

Wooltops are more active but prices are unchanged with the exception of 56's super which

We regret that owing to a very poor radio reception, many of our usual commercial items were not available this morning. —Ed.

British Steel Production

London, May 18.
British steel production in April came out at weekly average of 393,410 tons compared with 388,980 the previous month and 368,300 in April, 1955.
Although April production was affected by the Eastern holidays, the weekly averages were the highest for that month. Pig iron production followed the same trend with the average weekly output in April at 238,550 tons, compared with 240,700 the previous month and 212,780 in April, 1955.
—France-Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

In the afternoon session (unofficial), the copper market was steady but quiet while tin was firmer. Prices closed in

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sterling per long ton as follows:

Coppers 3000	250 1/2	251
3-month	250 1/2	251
Zinc 1st half May	89 1/2	89 1/2
1st half Aug.	88 1/2	88 1/2
Lead 1st half May	102 1/2	102 1/2
1st half Aug.	102 1/2	103

—United Press.

US COTTON CROP

New Record High For Acreage Harvested

FAST PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

"CAMBODGE"	sailing May 21st
"LAOS"	sailing June 18th

"CAMBODGE" sailing May 21st
"TACS" sailing June 18th

FAST FREIGHT SERVICE
"PEIHO" sailing May 12th
"BIR HAKEIM" sailing June 25th

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1955.

SHEAFFER'S

Strip

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Booklover

THE country hotel had once been a coaching inn and, although cars now filled its ample yard and a sign outside warned "No Coaches," there were times of day when it was not difficult for visitors to picture themselves back in another, calmer age.

Especially if they caught a glimpse of George.

For George with his leathery, weather-beaten face, and his jaunty walk and manner, might have spent all his life minding horses—wrapped in greatcoats and capes on the box of a coach or more humbly doing an ostler's job in the stables of the inn.

GEORGE'S HOBBY

BUT only in appearance does George resemble those men who a hundred years ago followed their occupation in the cobbled yard whose four walls fix the boundaries of his place of work.

They, when they had any leisure, hardly knew what to do with their time. George, though, he has more time on his hands, never wants for something to do. He has a hobby that absorbs him utterly.

In his working hours, he is at everyone's beck and call. For his job is the humblest, almost, that there is in a hotel—he is a kitchen-porter.

FREEMAN OF THE WORLD

BUT when his duties are over he lives, in his imagination, many lives much more exciting, and one night may inhabit an 18th century court, and the next a South Sea island. For reading is his hobby and the books that he loves and saves up for and collects make him a freeman of the world.

His small room is full of books, good books, not trash, and when he has a day off and the price of the fare, there is nothing gives George more pleasure than to come to London and browse in the bookshops. When he can, he buys a book to take home with him. And sometimes, when the craving for a book he cannot afford becomes unbearable, George steals.

He was caught doing that the other day—stealing three expensive books.

20 VOLUMES

THE police visited his room at the hotel, saw George's library, and asked whether he had stolen any of the books there. He picked out 20. "I stole these in..." he said, and he mentioned a nearby town.

At Bow Street he pleaded guilty to the thefts before Mr. E. G. Robey, who was told that twice before George had been in trouble. As a young man, in the north of England, 20 years ago, he had been caught trying to steal. Three years ago, he had been fined for stealing books.

"His employer is here, and would like to speak for him," said a detective, and the proprietor of the country hotel stepped forward.

A GOOD HOME

"HE'S been at the hotel 18 years," said George's boss. "He was there long before I took over. He's a very good worker, honest, loyal, one of the best. Now that I know about this weakness, I'm sure that my family and I can help him to overcome it. We've got a very good home and I think he appreciates it."

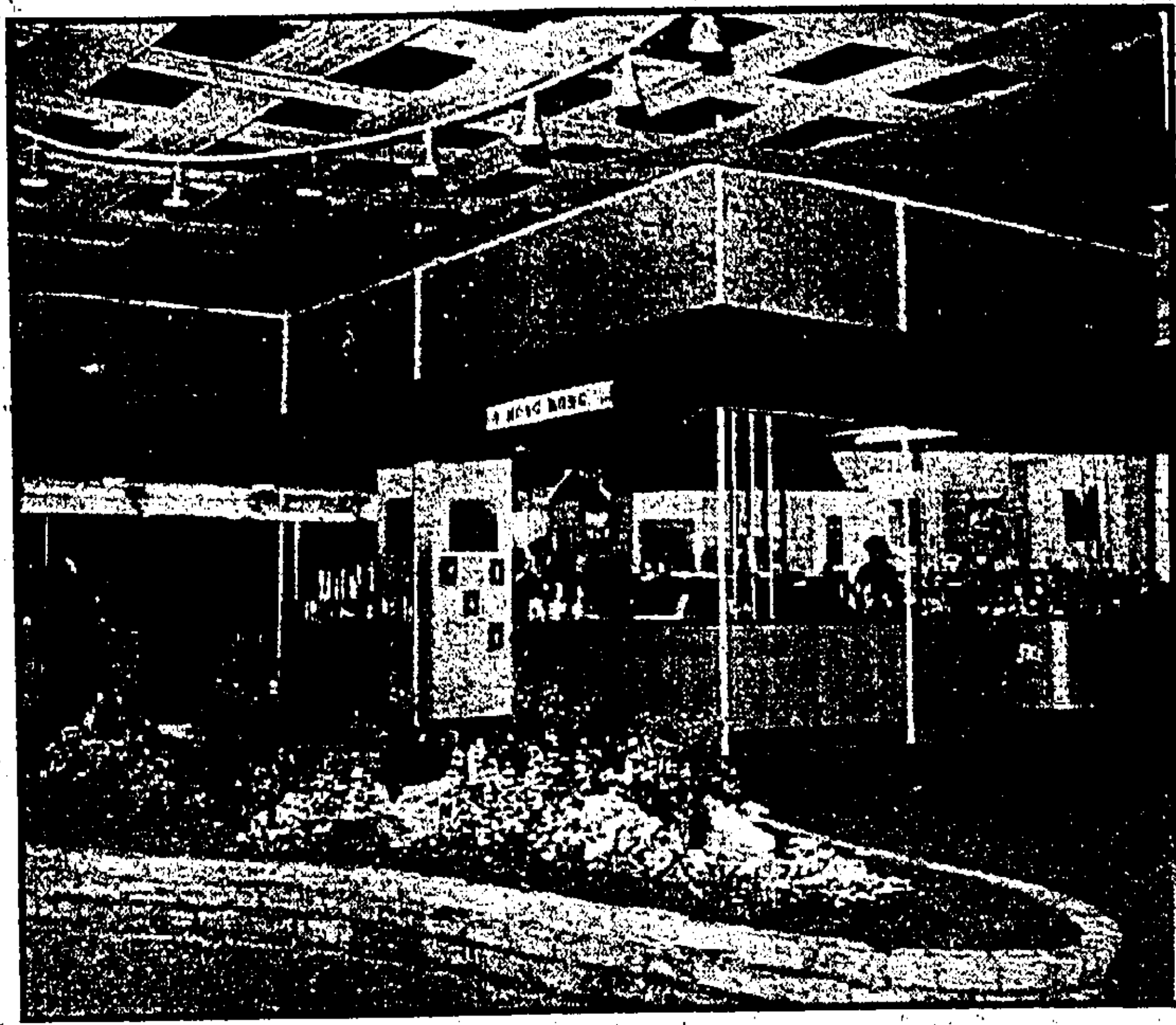
"Is he a drinker?" the magistrate asked.

"No, sir. He very rarely has a drink at all."

The magistrate asked George what he had to say. He hung his head. "I'm sorry for letting my employer down," he said. George was fined a total of £20, and given seven weeks in which to find the money.

He went away, and his employer followed close on his heels, and as they left the courtroom, put a consoling hand to George's shoulder. And in that gesture of faith and affection was contained a happy ending to the story, just as if it had all been set down in a book.

Hongkong's Attractive BIF Stand



Here is a general view of the attractive Hongkong stand at the British Industries Fair, Olympia, London, to which hundreds of visitors have been flocking daily since the Fair opened last Monday week. The stand is the largest in the "Commonwealth Court".

Has Taken 1,500 Photos On World Tour

Collecting material for a book which he hopes to write on his return, Mr. Arthur Sherin on an eight-month tour of the world with his wife, is now in Hongkong.

While his wife keeps the diary of their daily movements, Mr. Sherin is taking photographs of the way of living in each country.

He has already taken 1,500 pictures. Asked what he was doing about Hongkong, he said "Hongkong is just pouring rain. I am afraid that we have no hope of taking any here."

Mr. Sherin has just retired from the newspaper business in which he worked for 38 years. He started one third of the pictorial printing presses in the States, and owned his own business for 15 years.

He has also written for the papers although his side is really that of the press, and he specializes in colour printing.

The reason for Mr. Sherin's trip? "Well I couldn't sit twiddling my thumbs after all my former activity, so as my wife and I both write, we decided to club together and write a book. We also hope to give some lectures on our return."

Mr. Sherin and his wife have travelled altogether 4,800 miles by car over Africa during this trip. They have also been to India, Thailand, Ceylon and many other places.

Ferry Sinks: 600 Aboard

Tokyo, May 11.—A Japanese ferry boat with more than 600 people aboard sank after a collision early this morning, reports reaching here stated.

The ferry was plying between Shikoku Island and Honshu when the accident occurred. The ferry, the 1,480-ton Shium Maru, collided with the 1,210-ton freighter Itaka Maru about two and a half miles off the coast in a dense fog.

Rescue ships are rushing to the scene.

First reports stated that there were 350 school-children aboard the ferry—France-Press.

Final Test Today

Las Vegas, May 10.—The 24th and final atomic shot of the Atomic Energy Commission's tests was scheduled for tomorrow at 5:05 a.m. EDT (12:05 GMT) after a morning weather evaluation today.

Another evaluation was planned for tonight—United Press.

Absentee Sailor Imprisoned For 8 Offences

Alfred James Griffiths, 20, an absentee from HMS Cockade was sentenced to 15 months by Mr. T. Creedon at Kowloon this morning when he pleaded guilty to seven charges of larceny and possession of a forged passport.

A representative from the Royal Navy informed the Court that Griffiths had joined the Navy in 1950. He had a good record for the first three years and his subsequent conduct had been fair.

Det. Sub. Insp. J.M. Currie stated that on May 3, a Gunter Hopkins left his camera in his room at the YMCA, Salisbury Road, and on returning found both his camera and defendant who was his roommate missing. He reported this to the Police.

In April a similar theft at the YMCA was reported, a Mr. Eric Alan losing his camera.

STOLEN PASSPORT

The defendant was seen at the YMCA on May 9 and arrested. He claimed to be a Canadian citizen, and produced a Canadian passport in the name of Roy Farrell with his own photograph attached.

Enquiries revealed that he was an absentee from HMS Cockade on which he served as cook.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB

The following office bearers of the Hongkong Toastmasters Club were elected at the first semi-annual election meeting held at the American Club.

President, Mr. A. V. Alvarez; Vice President (Administrative), Dr. S. G. Davis; Vice President (Educational), Mr. Duncan Dang; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Arthur Gomes; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Indra Vaswani; Sgt.-at-Arms, Mr. Dik van Brummelen.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I hope the boss notices how conscientious I am! This is the second night this week I've stayed late correcting my typing errors!"

Marine Surveyor Cross-Examined In Damages Claim

At the hearing of the claim for damages brought by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. against Wang Kee and Co., stevedores and merchants, before Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg at the Supreme Court this morning, Captain James Wood, marine surveyor, stated under cross-examination that he agreed that an unmanned drifting lighter belonging to the defendant Company was a very obvious danger to two of plaintiffs' lighters moored alongside Kowloon Wharf No. 3 South.

Capt. Wood was called as an expert witness by Plaintiffs and had completed his evidence-in-chief yesterday. He was giving evidence in connection with incidents arising during a typhoon in Hongkong on September 2, 1953.

Mr. J. P. Hewitt, Senior Surveyor of Ships, Marine Department, is sitting with Mr. Justice Gregg as Assessor.

Plaintiffs, represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada QC, and Mr. T. A. Shurlock, instructed by Mr. R. A. Watson, of Messrs. Desmons, are claiming damages totalling \$70,533.15 from Wang Kee and Co., stevedores and merchants, of 34-37 Connaught Road Central, arising from the sinking of four of their lighters and damage to three others during the typhoon in the Colony on the early morning of September 2, 1953. Plaintiffs alleged negligence on the part of Defendants.

Wang Kee and Co., are represented by Mr. John McNeill, QC, Mr. Leslie Wright and Mr. Victor Gittins, instructed by Mr. Y. K. Kan, of Messrs. Lo and Lo.

In their claim, Plaintiffs alleged that by the negligence of Defendants' servants and agents, lighters belonging to Defendants were adrift and bore down and collided with Plaintiffs' lighters, sinking four and damaging three.

Before cross-examination of Capt. Wood began, Mr. James Moodie, Deputy Manager of the Wharf Company, was recalled to the witness box to answer some questions raised by the Defence. He said the s.s. Nellie, lying at Wharf No. 3 North, drew a mean draft of 27 feet 11½ inches. He could not say how much cargo had been removed from the ship when it was damaged.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

Capt. J. Wood, marine surveyor and partner in Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, was then cross-examined.

Mr. McNeill: You were asked what you had to say about the collision of Mr. Moodie's lighters with the lighters of Wang Kee and Co. (one of defendant Company's lighters) was wandering about. Your reply, as I understood you, was that you were not prepared to disagree with Mr. Moodie in not taking any action in moving lighters 62 and 41. Do you mean to say that in view of Mr. Moodie's experience anything he did or did not do would meet with your approval?

Witness: Not at all. Your view was based definitely upon the facts presented by my learned friend in his questions?

—Yes. Mr. McNeill told witness that the evidence adduced was that in the southeast corner of the mv Citos bay there were four lighters belonging to plaintiffs moored. Their beam was approximately 20 feet each, making a total space of 80 occupied by them. The bay was 300 feet wide. Mr. R. J. Taylor, Assistant Wharf Superintendent of plaintiff Company, had stated that a little before 5:30 a.m. on September 2 he saw the Karley drifting towards the Praya. He also stated he saw four China Provident lighters at anchor in the neighbourhood of plaintiffs' four lighters.

Counsel asked witness if he had seen the China Provident lighters. Witness agreed he had, and that their beam was also approximately 20 feet each.

A DANGER

Mr. McNeill: Mr. Taylor says that he regarded this movement of Karley as a very definite danger to 41 and 62, so much so that he rang up the Marine Police. He wanted something done. He said he felt he could not take the responsibility of moving these two lighters up. I think you must agree, Capt. Wood, that in these circumstances and in the weather prevailing Karley was a very obvious danger to 41 and 62.

Witness: I agree it was a danger.

Clipping from plaintiffs' preliminary act, Mr. McNeill told witness it was therein stated that Karley was originally moored alongside Citos and was later seen drifting unattended and bearing down upon 62 and 41 from a southeasterly direction and about 15 feet distance from them. He asked witness whether this did not constitute an obvious danger to anyone who saw this. Witness agreed.

Mr. McNeill: The collision between Karley and 62 and 41 occurred shortly after 7 a.m. according to the preliminary act. Mr. Moodie said he thought it was between 7 and 7:30 a.m. Taking the time that she presented an obvious danger to these lighters and the time of the alleged collision, more than an hour and a half elapsed. Mr. Moodie came on the scene shortly after 6 a.m. after Mr. Taylor had telephoned him. In your opinion as an expert of these matters, do you not think it was the duty of his view that the situation was dangerous?

Witness: I do.

AGREES WITH COUNSEL

Mr. Moodie told us the first place he went to was to look at the Citos bay situation. He was there shortly after 8 a.m. The alleged collision did not take place till shortly after 7 a.m. During most of that period Mr. Moodie had stationed himself on No. 3 Wharf. I asked him whether it would not have been an obvious measure to have left someone behind to watch the Citos bay while he went elsewhere. He replied it was not necessary as he could look into both bays. During that time Mr. Moodie saw Karley moving towards the north-east corner. There was a considerable backwash. Do you agree with me that in the space of about an hour it did seem apparent that Karley constituted a danger to the lighters? I agree.

Counsel told witness that the coxswain of lighter No. 41 had described to the Court how the lighter was moved seaward up Wharf No. 3 South after the collision, and said the coxswain stated that use was made of bollards on the Wharf to which the lighter was secured to pull the lighter forward.

Mr. d'Almada interjected to say the coxswain did not mention use of the bollards, but that the lighter was manhandled forward.

Mr. McNeill: (to witness): Yesterday you said there was a danger of these lighters in such a position getting out of control. If such a danger materialised, use could have been made of the bollards on the Wharf?—Yes.

LESS RISK

No one who has had anything to do with these lighters has given evidence of that manoeuvre being difficult. These being the circumstances, I would like you to agree with me that this step could easily have been taken earlier than after the actual collision?—They could have been moved earlier with less risk.

Witness explained that by "earlier" he meant 5 a.m. or 5:30 a.m. He did not agree that "earlier" could mean 6 or 7 a.m. as the wind force was then increasing.

Mr. McNeill said witness had agreed with him that when the Karley was some 15 feet away from the lighters it constituted an apparent danger. He put it to witness that it was both an apparent and imminent danger and that in those circumstances the lighters could and should have been moved out of the area. Witness agreed.

Counsel suggested that having regard to various circumstances the lighters could, and should have been moved away some time between 6 and 7:15 a.m. Witness replied he did not think they should have been moved but they could have been moved out of danger at some risk.

Mr. McNeill: I think you must agree with me that it is the duty of the owner of an unattended drifting lighter to take all possible measures to avoid a collision?

Witness: I do.

The hearing is proceeding.



Look What Happened!

You may think that the recent rain-making experiments on the Peak have little connection with music. You may be right, but look what we are going to have at the Empire Theatre from Friday night onwards for a week or two.... a show called Dancing Waters in which 4,000 jets of water play up and down and all around to a musical accompaniment.

The equipment from which this unusual entertainment emanates takes up a great deal of the stage and set somewhere in front is the man who 'plays' this improbable thing. The jets of water are illuminated in all sorts of colours and can be made to keep time with any dance step.

The water used is repeatedly circulated through a tank, and the same 2,000 gallons keeps on going up and coming down. This is certainly a new thing to Hongkong and although no water will ever look so attractive as that which has fallen, without musical accompaniment, from the skies during the past three days for one intent taking a look at what sounds to me like jake-box with taps on.

In case you are not the type to care for such entertainment it should be told that there is more to the show than "Dancing Waters". There is something for the pop fans in the shapely person of Mauri Lynn, who has appeared in many films, most recently "Kismet" and "Candy". This lovely lady has a trio of top musicians with her and jazz men will recognise the drummer with the show, Danny Barcelona, as being one of the best yet. Rounding out the bill will be Wendy Smith and the "Cover Girls" and the MC is Joaquin Garay, another American top line entertainer.

The Blues Are Too Blue

A lot of fuss has been generated in the States recently over the supposed obscenity of some of the Rhythm and Blues records being broadcast.

Disco-jockeys in Chicago received a flood of letters, mostly from teen-agers, protesting about the programming of such records and in various other parts of America there has been a getting together of broadcast committees in an attempt to stop such material being broadcast.

It appears that the main complaints are directed against the "R. & B." type of records and Hongkong "pop" fans may be surprised to learn that there are records twice as many records released each week in the States as are put out in the shops here. So many of them never sell outside a certain part of America, let alone come to Hongkong, and apparently it is from these types of discs that much of the objectionable material comes.

It is good to know that in Hongkong we have no such trouble and although some of the lyrics we do hear are as cheeky as a monkey they are at least clean in a clean way.

Where They Are

XAVIER CUGAT recently played in Chicago with the lady who was described as his "boss", ABIE LANE. Miss Lane is getting better and better and according to one hard boiled critic "is the logical successor to Rita Hayworth. He doesn't say in what she should succeed, Miss Hayworth and I'm not so sure that he has said a nice thing!!"

DANNY KAYE recently had a lot of record company big shots after him. His contract with Decca was due to expire, and RCA, Capitol and Columbia were reported to be interested. Who wouldn't be!

SAMMY KAYE has recorded the "Melody of Love" tune and that makes a total of 10 versions on record in America only.

The Face Behind The Voice

The lad with the freckled face and the voice you either like a lot or can't stand at all, started singing when he was seven. Miss Hayworth was seven, and so was his sister, playing, father, first break was as a guest on Frank Sinatra's radio programme. His made films, appeared on TV and, of course, got into the hit-

Record Review

Jerry Murad's Harmonica A new Mercury 78 rpm disc offers the Harmonica playing two old favourites, "Dancing with Tears in My Eyes" and "Orchids in the Moonlight". The second one is by far the best to listen to and its crisp tango beat should please the dancers. Ralph Marterie's orchestra backs up on both sides. MERCURY HK 160.

GEORGIA GIBBS

The joyous Miss Gibbs does another excellent piece of work with "The Wallflower" and "Ballin' the Jack". The first tune, which will be better known as "Dance with Me, Henry", is in the American hit parade and will please all who like Miss Gibbs. The dancers will only like it if they know how to "Rock n' Roll", which I'm told is the latest dance in America. There's a deep, brown baritone on this disc as on so many recent hits but this one is not so good, or so deep, as others heard. Mercury HK 107.

Persistence Rewarded

A Police Constable who "followed his nose" was rewarded at Central this morning when his evidence resulted in the conviction of a heroin-smoker.

He told Mr. Poon Yan-hoi that he was patrolling a hillside in Chai Wan Village, Shauiwan, on April 11 with a Corporal when an odour of "burning his nose" assailed his nostrils. He tracked down its source to a cave where he saw two men lying on the ground. One of them, defendant, was smoking a bamboo heroin pipe.

On seeing the Police both men ran away but defendant was arrested when he came back a little later to retrieve his pipe.

Ho Kim, of 115 Chai Wan Village, was sentenced to a fine of \$100 for possession of pipe and \$500 for two months and a month in addition for possession of heroin.

Fined \$25 For Contempt

"Arrest that man and have him charged," shouted Mr. Poon Yan-hoi to the Constable on duty at Central this morning.

Seated at the back of the Court was a man with a dilapidated felt hat. Sensing that Police attention was directed at him he hurried for a door but was collared and taken to Central Charge Room.

Half an hour later Chan Yuen-lap, 36, was fined \$25 by Mr. Poon for contempt of court.

During the morning the Magistrate warned spectators to remain in Court while a case was in session. He said that he had noticed some spectators were in the habit of leaving at short intervals, and talking to people outside who might be witnesses.